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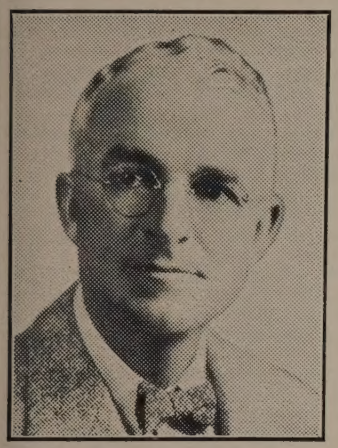
REV. M. E. HALL

Educational Leader of Japan, to Visit Northern California



PRESIDENT BRANCH

Head of Colored Women's College, to Make Visitation

State Conference

Seldom has such an array of talent been secured for the annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference as has been assembled for the meeting to be held in Plymouth Church, Oakland, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 20 to 22. During the spring and summer, Moderator Rev. Noel J. Breed, with his committee, consisting of Rev. W. B. Thorp, Mr. D. H. Dexter and Superintendent Gill, have been busy in interviews and correspondence in order that the delegates and ministers of our Conference shall receive the greatest possible help and inspiration.

Heading the list of speakers is Rev. Carl S. Patton, D.D., pastor of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles and newly elected Moderator of the National Council, who will conduct a seminar for ministers and speak at the Men's Banquet. Rev. L. W. Fifield, D.D., pastor of Plymouth Church, Seattle, will speak on two occasions. Miss Mary E. Branch, president of Tillotson College, Texas, and Rev. Marion E. Hall of Japan, will present the home and foreign aspects of our missionary endeavor. Rev. Frank L. Moore, D.D., secretary of the western division of the Church Extension Boards, and Mrs. Franklin Warner of New York and Claremont, will be Conference guests and speakers. Rev. E. D. Gaylord, D.D., the new Superintendent of Southern California, will give an address on "The Why of a State Conference." Rev. Herman F. Swartz, D.D., will preach the Conference sermon. There will be a seminar for laymen on each of the two Conference mornings.

The list of other speakers includes Rev. John R. Hahn, the new pastor of the church at Stockton, Mr. Allen Blaisdell of International House, Berkeley, Dr. Theodore Macklin, director of the State Department of Markets, and Rev. Norman B. Henderson, D.D., pastor at Fresno. The devotional services will be under the leadership of Rev. Miles B. Fisher, D.D., Rev. Reed B. Cherington, and Rev. Henry Stauffer. Rev. R. B. Whitaker will be in charge of the Communion service.

The Conference will open at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, October 20, and close with Men's and Women's Banquets on Thursday evening.

NEW ZION CHURCH, FRESNO

Zion Congregational (German) Church of Fresno dedicated a beautiful new church edifice on Sunday, August 2. The church was organized in 1900, but its period of greatest growth has been under the leadership of Rev. Frederick Zahl, the present pastor. Because of reduced building costs, exceptional values were obtained, the building and furnishings costing a total of less than $20,000. The building is frame and stucco, and is so arranged that a congregation of 800 can be accommodated at one time within sight and hearing of the pulpit. Some rooms have also been provided for classes and young people's work.

In spite of a day of oppressive heat the building was crowded for all three services on Dedication Sunday. Rev. John Hoelzer of Denver delivered the dedicatory sermon. Prior to the morning service the pastor led his people in a beautiful outdoor service of opening the building, taking with him through the doors the officers of the church and the oldest members, followed by the congregation.

San Mateo Dedicates

The San Mateo Church dedicated the final unit of its splendid church plant on Sunday, August 23. Some years ago the first unit was erected, which consisted of an assembly room, a social hall, a ladies' parlor, a kitchen and some class rooms. To this has now been added seventeen rooms and a church auditorium. The entire plant now occupies about half a block and provides well-arranged and commodious space for a garden.

The structure is of Spanish design, the size of the lot lending itself to that style of architecture in an admirable way. The new auditorium and the additions to the religious education facilities, together with furnishings, represent an investment of $55,000, which added to the previous valuation makes a total of $123,000, and brings that church into the front rank of our Conference in providing facilities for an all-around modern religious program.

Owing to a successful campaign of financing during 1930, the church has pledges to cover the entire indebtedness, with the exception of a loan from the Congregational Church Building Society.

The first service in the new building was in the form of a celebration of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon of the same day Rev. Herman F. Swartz, president of the Pacific School of Religion, preached the dedication sermon. The pastor led the people in the act of dedication, and the prayer was offered by Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The congratulations of the entire Conference are extended to Rev. Charles L. Kloss, D.D., who has led the church through the enterprise, and to the officials and members who have served so loyally.

Our people will have an opportunity of meeting and entertaining two of our Conference speakers prior to the Conference meeting. Miss Mary E. Branch, President of Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, is one of the early guests we are to entertain through our Guest Book this fall, and one of the later ones is Rev. John R. Hahn, the new pastor of our Stockton Church. Be sure to tell your pastor that you want the copy of the Guest Book for you and your family. It is better than ever this year. The Guest Books are ready for distribution.

Irving Fisher, the well known political economist of Yale, says that Prohibition has saved the people of the United States at least six billion dollars annually.—"Prohibition At Its Worst," Irving Fisher, 159.

Registrations for the State Conference will be at the rate of $1.00 per person, instead of $3.00 as heretofore. It is the plan of the program committee to push for a registration of 500. If that goal is reached, all Conference expenses can be taken care of without a drain upon the treasury. Registration blanks and tickets for the Men's and Women's Banquets, with stubs attached, will be mailed to all pastors by the middle of September, with a suggested quota for each church. The plan followed will be much like that which was used for the Pacific Slope Congress, and which received such wonderful support from our people. The tickets for the Men's Banquet will be $1.00, and for the Women's Banquet 75c.

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Book Clubs

On September 5, the books for the Ministers' Book Club will be mailed. Each man will have three weeks in which to read his book before sending it on to the next member. Forty men will have the advantage of reading ten books each during the coming months, the only cost being the postage on each book to the next reader. The list of books selected by the committee is as follows:

Ward—Which Way Religion.
Sockman—The Morals of Tomorrow.
Fiske—The Recovery of Worship.
Coffin—The Meaning of the Cross.
Porter—The Mind of Christ in Paul.
Overstreet—The Enduring Quest.
Regester—Albert Schweitzer.
Jeans—The Mysterious Universe.
Barbour — Sin and the New Psychology.
Glover—The Influence of Christ in the Ancient World.

The lay members of our churches may have an opportunity of reading ten books, also, if they will let us at the office know of their wishes. The Education Society has just sent us another Travel Library, Number 26, containing the following books:

Hulbert—West Indian Treasures.
Fuller—Halsey in the West Indies.
Warner—World in a Barn (for Primary Children).
Fisher—Freedom.
Entwistle — Creatures Great and Small (for Juniors).
Phillips—The Bantu are Coming.
Seagrave—Wastebasket Surgery.
Wyser—Behind Mud Walls.
Wallace—Hands Around the World.
McLean—Jumping Beans.

This is the third set of books which we have to circulate among our churches. The conditions under which they may be read are as follows:

The set is sent to a church by prepaid express, the church people read the books during the month in which the set is allotted to them, at the end of which time the set is sent by them to the next church. In this way each church has the advantage of reading the books in each set, the only cost being the express charges to the next church.

If you desire this set, or one of the other two sets now in circulation, write to the Conference office for it, and give your preference as to the month you wish it. If it is possible to do so, we will arrange the schedule to suit each church.

"I am completing my thirty-fourth year as high school teacher and principal here," said Gilbert Raynor of Brooklyn, "and I have never known a time when our young people were as free from the blighting effect of intoxicating liquor as now."

A Larger Parish

"The Valley of the Moon Larger Parish!" Is not that intriguing? For years three small churches in Sonoma, Glen Ellen and Kenwood, have carried the Congregational banner in the lovely valley made popular by Jack London. Two pastors have served these churches, each doing his work in the traditional way.

Beginning September 1 the three churches begin operation under a common set of by-laws, and with a common purpose. There will be one pastor who will serve the entire area, dividing his preaching appointments among the three churches. He will be responsible for pastoral care and evangelism.

There will also be a director of religious education and young people's work. He will preach each Sunday at one or another of the churches but his major responsibility will have to do with the young people of the valley. Both ministers will serve the Sonoma State Home, conducting worship and a school once each week.

The parish is to be managed by a council of sixteen persons, four from each church, and four at large. The council has been elected and has organized. It will be responsible for the budget. Each constituent church will be asked to raise a certain proportion, and pay it into the common treasury each month.

Rev. F. E. Boren, who for the past twenty months has been pastor at Kenwood and Glen Ellen, has been called as pastor of the larger parish, and active negotiations are on foot for a director of young people's work and religious education. It is not impossible that the enterprise will be self-supporting from the start.

The Best Ever

Old Man Depression, he ain't so much, if one can judge from the registration at the Asilomar Conference of Young People. In spite of the fact that numbers of young people could not attend because of financial reasons, others took their places, and the result was far and away the largest enrollment in the history of the Young People's Conferences of Northern California.

There were 7 Conference officers, 7 faculty members, 10 tenthouse counsellors, and 8 other persons belonging to the families of officers and faculty members, making a total of 32. There were 19 high school boys and 55 high school girls; 31 college boys and 52 college girls, making a total of 157 young people, or a grand total of 189 full time conference members. In addition, there were 10 others who were present part of the time, making a grand total of 199.

More significant than size of enrollment, was the spirit of the conference, with at least one young man declaring himself for the ministry and with at least one young woman and one young man deciding for foreign missionary service. The testimonies of the young people at the Communion Service were of particular significance, one young man saying: "I have been an atheist, but here I have found God."

Mr. Carleton Peck of Berkeley was elected president of the Cacoypa for the coming year; Miss Mary Frances Hill of San Jose is Vice-President; Mr. Howard Conn of Fresno, Secretary. The Council members are: Miss Marian McGowen of Stockton, Miss Eileen Foster of Hayward and Mr. John Olmsted, Jr., of Petaluma.

Autumn Institutes

Northern California is particularly favored this year in having three speakers representing our national and foreign enterprises, who will be present at the State Conference and remain with us for from two to six weeks following. The committee on Benevolence Promotion and Projects, headed by Rev. Gail Cleland, Ph.D., is arranging for intensive education along missionary lines in six churches of the Santa Clara Association and six churches of the Bay Association, with the idea that another year something of the same plan may be followed in churches of other associations, until in the course of several years the whole Conference will be reached.

Rev. Marion E. Hall, who for sixteen years has worked in close contact with the students of Japan, will visit each of six churches once a week for six weeks, teaching a class and speaking of his own work. Miss Mary E. Branch, president of Tillotson College for Colored Women, will do the same thing in six other churches. Rev. Frank L. Moore, D.D., of Chicago, who for many years has been connected with our national Church Extension Boards, will visit some fifteen or twenty churches for rallies, dinners and Sunday services. Dr. Moore's schedule will be arranged that other churches will have the privilege of sending automobile loads of people to centers where he speaks.

Superintendent Gill will accompany Dr. Moore on more than half of his schedule, and will be present with Mr. Hall and Miss Branch on one occasion at each of the churches which they visit. Mr. Gill will be speaking in behalf of the interests of the State Conference.

ONE BOY AND ANOTHER

College Boy Gives Impression of Remarkable Book

Larry was remarkable. He did so many things that the rest of us who are in our 'teens have forgotten, that he can actually be held up as an ideal.

I don't mean that he was perfect. Undoubtedly he made mistakes, but the important part is that he was willing to recognize an error and do his best to remedy it.

The book "Larry" is published by the Association Press. It is a collection of pages from his diary, of essays and letters that he has written, of poems expressing his thoughts and emotions.

He was only a sophomore in college when he was killed by a frightened horse, but his philosophy lives as an encouragement to the rest of us in the universities who are confronted with the same problems. He made no compromise with many things that are not even considered moral issues by certain groups of college students. He was admired and was popular for this very fact.

Then there was "Girl," a close friend of his, to whom many of the letters published are addressed. Though only his letters to her are in the book, yet it is easy to see and feel her response. She was truly a real aid to him in his ideals.

Perhaps his only "secret of success" was that throughout his entire life he maintained an attitude of helpfulness and righteousness.

—A College Student.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 20-22—Northern California Congregational Conference. Annual meeting. Plymouth Church, Oakland.

FOSTER P. COLE

The Conference lost a great friend with the passing of its treasurer, F. P. Cole. He had been sick during the month of July, and passed away July 30th at the age of 76. The funeral was held at his home, the services being conducted by Dr. T. T. Giffen.

At the request of Dr. Rathbone, Mr. Cole succeeded Mr. I. H. Morse as treasurer, and thus served under three superintendents. They above all others in the Conference knew how to appraise the genuine qualities of his administrative work. He was a wise counsellor in financial affairs, a generous contributor of his time and money, a sympathetic friend of missionary pastors and especially interested in the work of Ministerial Relief. The Cole family was long associated with Plymouth Church, San Francisco.

He was born in Tewksbury, Mass., of sturdy New England stock, the eldest of nine children, six of whom are still living. He came to California at the age of 11 years, coming by way of the Isthmus. He was connected with the leading furniture stores of San Francisco until his retirement from business.

His wife died six years ago. Two daughters survive him: Miss Helen Cole of Berkeley, and Mrs. H. S. Shaffer of Merced.

REV. BENJAMIN F. SARGENT

Rev. Benjamin F. Sargent, one of oldest and most faithful ministers of the Northern California Conference, passed away at his summer home near Guerneville on June 19. The funeral was conducted on the 54th anniversary of his ordination. He was 78 years of age.

Mr. Sargent graduated in 1873 from Hamilton College and in 1877 from Union Theological Seminary. His earlier pastorates were at Paxton, Illinois, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Trinidad, Colorado. For many years he has been in California, with the exception of a period of service as teacher of English in a boys' school at Lintsing, China. His California pastorates were at Fresno, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Berkeley North, Grass Valley and Woodside.

A letter signed by more than 40 members of the Chinese Church in Lintsing offers this splendid tribute:

"When Pastor Sargent was living his character was Christ-like. He was a benefit to society. In caring for the Lord's work he labored to his hurt. Because of his helpful heart our Father has prepared a lasting peace for him."

Mr. Sargent and his wife, Dr. Susan Tallman Sargent, were always in attendance at the meetings of the Association and Conference, and deeply interested in its progress. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Miles B. Fisher, a life-long friend.

HENRY J. BOSTWICK

The San Jose church has suffered a great loss through the death of its treasurer and senior deacon, Mr. Henry J. Bostwick. Mr. Bostwick went as a young man in 1887 to China as treasurer of the North China mission at Tientsin. Returning to this country in 1896 he became assistant manager and later manager of the Clifton Springs sanitarium, New York. For 22 years he was the friend and counsellor of missionaries and Christian workers at this institution.

Since 1922 he has been a faithful and outstanding member of the First Congregational Church at San Jose. He died suddenly on July 2 and his funeral, conducted by his minister, Rev. Benjamin Gould, was held on his 68th birthday.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

V. C. S.

More and more our churches are ecognizing the value of Vacation chools and most encouraging reports ave reached the office concern ng nem:

PLYMOUTH, OAKLAND, had an nrollment of 259, with a daily aver- ge attendance of 163. Thirty-three ere not members of any Sunday chool and many others came from ther denominations, 15 in all. Be- ween four and five hundred attended he closing exhibition.

FIRST CHURCH, OAKLAND, joined vith three neighboring churches of ther denominations in the conduct of large and successful school.

OAKLAND FRUITVALE joined vith Fruitvale Christian and reported n average attendance of 138 and plendid work accomplished. Sixteen lenominations were represented.

GRACE-TRINITY CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO, enrolled over 200, rep- resenting 12 denominations and 18 nationalities. The school was self- supporting for the first time in its existence. The cost per child per day was less than 5c. Six girls and 12 boys won Bibles for perfect memory work in the Scripture.

Rev. Westwood Wallace held a 15- day school in **ADIN,** which reached an attendance of 32.

Rev. Horton Colbert has conducted schools at **ALTURAS, DAVIS CREEK** and **LIKELY.**

Before terminating his pastorate at Bay Point, Mr. Don F. Gaylord con- ducted vacation schools at **BAY POINT, AVON** and **CLYDE.**

Rev. C. H. Hudson had a unique school in the woodlands just outside of **EUREKA.**

BROADMOOR, SAN LEANDRO, under the leadership of Rev. J. H. McCartney, had a vacation school with an enrollment of 123; 200 persons attended the closing exercises. The school was self-supporting.

OCEAN VIEW, SAN FRANCISCO, with Rev. James Salmon in charge, had a registration of 23, with a daily attendance of 17. Over half the group earned their rewards in memory work. A weekly or bi-weekly religious day school is planned for the year.

FAIRFAX reported a school not as large in attendance as formerly, but doing excellent work.

There are doubtless others that have had successful schools which we will be glad to report in the next issue if the information can be sent to the office.

"Everything in the United States is keyed up to a new pace which started with Prohibition. This speed would be impossible with liquor. There is no chance of modification. If the law were changed we'd have to shut down our plants."—Henry Ford, in an inter- view at Sudbury, Mass., August, 1928.

REV. M. F. DAVENPORT

Rev. M. B. Davenport, who had been making his home in Palo Alto for a number of years, after a lingering illness passed away on May 20, at the age of 80. For several years he served the Y. M. C. A. and Congregational churches in New England and New York. He came to Tulare as pastor in 1906, where he served for three years. After four years spent in Southern California, at Graham and Hawthorn, he returned to Tulare for two years more. In 1914 he was married to Miss Mary Voorhees, who has ministed to him in his declining years in a most devoted way.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. Twenty-five years is a long pastorate these days. For that period Rev. J. K. Fukushima has served this church. Recently a splendid opportunity was presented to him to undertake work at Montebello in Southern California. The Fresno Church was loath to see him go, but after careful consideration the change was made.

In his place Mr. S. Nakayama will carry forward the work in that im- portant field, beginning September 1. Mr. Nakayama is a recent graduate of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. He was converted under the ministry of Mr. Fukushima.

PITTSBURG. On account of unem- ployment, this church has had its financial difficulties but the commu- nity has risen to meet the deficit. The editor of the local paper, who happens to be a Roman Catholic, gave splendid publicity to the campaign and backed it up with a telling editorial. The pas- tor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, reports splendid congregations and a fine spirit of loyalty and friendliness.

SUNOL. For some years this church has had no regular services. During his vacation, Mr. E. G. Brinkmeyer, pastor at Niles, conducted worship three different Sundays. Superinten- dent Gill has also preached in the church, and plans are afoot for the reorganization of the Sunday School and occasional preaching services.

GUERNEVILLE. During the sum- mer the church attendance is largely made up of visitors, as the local peo- ple are busy in entertaining "week- enders." Rev. and Mrs. James W. Price continue their pastoral work through- out the summer, and have gained a splendid hold upon the community.

SAN FRANCISO, FIRST. During the three summer months this church has been supplied by Rev. Vaughn Dabney of Dorchester, Mass., Rev. W. W. Pickett of New York, and Rev. Kerrison Juniper of St. Petersburg, Fla. Among the ministers scheduled in the near future are Rev. Charles Haven Myers, formerly of Cleveland, and Rev. L. W. Fifield of Seattle.

ALAMEDA. During the vacation of Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, Hon. J. Stitt Wilson preached in the church, using as his subjects, 'The Message of Jesus on Poverty and Property," and "A 25-year Program for the Unit- ed States."

CLOVERDALE. An intensive cam- paign for attendance at the various activities of the church was conducted during June, which succeeded beyond the expectations of the pastor, Rev. Harold S. Davidson.

SALIDA. Fourteen young people and four adults attended the Sunday ses- sions of the Christian Endeavor Con- vention in San Francisco. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

STOCKTON. Rev. John R. Hahn, the new pastor, has begun his work and both he and the church are looking forward to a very happy pastorate.

FRESNO, THIRD. Rev. J. J. Rau- gust of Lodi was recently called to the pastorate of this church, and is on the field.

SALINAS. After six years of faith- ful service among the Filipinos of the Salinas Valley, Rev. P. F. Royola lays down his responsibilities and returns to his native land. Mr. Royola has visited about forty camps regularly, speaking almost every night in the year. Mrs. Royola has been a great help to her husband and their home has been the one wholesome and homelike place which the Filipino boys could visit when they came to town. After a visit with relatives it is expected that the Royolas will undertake missionary work in the Islands. They sail from San Francisco on September 19.

SUISUN. Rev. Alfred Pollard, the pastor, in addition to his regular church work, finds time for many out- side interests. He is director of moral welfare for 80 boys at Scout camp; he holds regular services at the County Hospital; he visits the County Jail; rescues hungry people from destitu- tion, and even picks up tramps on the highway in order that he may talk to them about their spiritual welfare.

SAN CARLOS. The Sunday after vacation the Church School had an attendance of 76, which was within one of their record for ordinary days. A program on Puerto Rico is planned for early in September, with each class presenting some fact or display of interest about Puerto Rico. Rev. Reed B. Cherington is the pastor.

MODOC COUNTY. Rev. Horton Col- bert is a modern Circuit Rider. He preaches every Sunday morning in the home church in Alturas, in the after- noon at Davis Creek, and in the eve- ning at Likely. In addition, Mrs. Col- bert and he have the social welfare work for the county, administering public relief.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. At- tendance at the services of the church and church school has been remarkable for the summer. Recently the young people who attended the Asilomar con- ference gave a report at the morning service and testified to the worth- whileness of the meeting.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On a recent Sunday a beautiful window, depicting Rafael's Madonna, was unveiled in memory of Pauline Collins Ham.

RENO. Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Martinez supplied the church during the vacation of Rev. William M. Case, the pastor.

LODI, EBENEZER. Rev. Hugo M. Baumann, formerly of Fresno, has be- gun work as pastor of this church.

Rev. Rowland B. Dodge supplied the San Carlos Church during the month of July.

Rev. J. J. Jones of Santa Rosa un- derwent an operation for appendicitis in June, which was followed by an attack of pneumonia. After several weeks he was able to go to the moun- tains, where he is now build'ng up his strength for the work of the com- ing year.

Northern California was represent- ed by more than 50 ministers and lay representatives at the National Coun- cil. There were 24 men and 26 women present at the banquets, which is a very fine showing considering the number of miles traveled.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. C. H. Ste- vens has jost completed his second pastorate with this church. He has resigned to take effect as soon as his successor is chosen and on the field. Mr. Stevens has served a number of churches in Northern California with great acceptability. He is a man of deep evangelistic passion and intense earnestness. He hopes, as soon as he can regain strength, to devote some time to helping churches that are in difficulties.

BERKELEY PARK. After several months of study, the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, and his associates are beginning a complete reorganization of the Sun- day School and a house to house sur- vey of the field. This effort is to head up in a Rally Day on the first Sunday in October.

SEBASTOPOL. For the second time the Ladies' Club won the first prize at the Apple Show, with 58 varieties of products. During the summer Rev. and Mrs. George E. Atkinson, who are serving this church, celebrated the 33rd anniversary of ordination to the ministry and 30th wedding anniver- sary. A reception was tendered by the church and old-time costumes were used. A beautiful supply of table linen was presented to Mrs. Atkinson.

The church entertained the Golden Wedding Club of Sonoma County, which has a membership of 54 couples who have ben married from 50 to 68 years.

MODOC ASSOCIATION

The Modoc Association meeting was held at Adin Saturday and Sunday, August 29 and 30. Mrs. Fred Watson of Oakland led a conference on the work of the Federation. Rev. West- wood Wallace, who supplied the Adin Church during the summer, and Rev. Horton Colbert of Alturas, led a young people's rally and discussion group. Miss Alto Harper, who was brought up in the Adin Church and who was home on furlough from the mission field, spoke on the "New China" and on "Present Day Miracles of Healing in Medical Missions." Miss Mary Cox- head, of Fort Bidwell, led the devo- tional period, and sermons were preached by Rev. J. R. Shoemaker, former pastor in Modoc County, and Superintendent Gill. It was altogether an interesting and helpful program. The most direct result was the stimu- lus to the Christian people of Big Valley, who are now taking steps to call a minister who will serve Adin, Lookout and Bieber. The team of speakers who went from the Bay re- gion are unanimous in their appre- ciation of the hospitality of Modoc people.

HUMBOLDT ASSOCIATION

On September 12 and 13 our Eureka Church will entertain the annual meet- ng of the Association. A special women's session will be held, at which Mrs. Harley H. Gill will lead the de- votions and Mrs. C. T. Tinker will speak of Federation work. Rev. Frank C. Waddell will lead two conferences on young people's work, and preach the Sunday morning sermon. Superin- tendent Gill will lead the men's group and preach Sunday evening.

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. T. E. Borden, Mrs. C. J. Hawkins, Mrs. Birdie A. Dorland

The President throughout our last meting stressed the need of putting all our efforts toward raising the Benevolences. We must not drop behind our record of last year.

How can we raise the money?

Stockton Missionary Society did it by having an exchange table.

One Church School had a Children's Bazaar.

Murphy is selling recipes for Scripture Cake at 10c each. Don't you want one?

Oakland First recommends a Vanishing Luncheon. One lady has nine ladies to lunch with her at 50c each. Each of these has seven women to lunch and each of these five, and so on. In this way a goodly sum was raised.

Berkeley First had a successful flower and plant show.

Salida reports a Calendar. The "year" names twelve women for the months, each of whom gives a dollar. Each month names four weeks who contribute 50c apiece, and they name the days, who add 25c each. A calendar for each month decorated, and with names of people filled in, was put up in a conspicuous place. This added quite a sum to the treasury.

Saratoga had a Round-the-World Luncheon, which not only was a money raiser, but a social success. It was held in a large garden. Six courses were served, representing six countries, with typical food. The ticket was a passport with photo and all necessary data.

Dr. Denton

We are all so happy to hear of the honor bestowed on our own Miss Denton of Japan. Williams College granted her, in absentia, a Doctor's Degree, an honor well merited. This was done through the request of her Japanese friends.

Rev. Pedro Royola and family are sailing on the Taiyo Maru September 19 to make their home in the Philippines. Mrs. Borden was asked to select some toys, games and books for the use of the children on the long voyage. If you wish to help, get in touch with her. All who can were asked to be at the boat to wish them God speed.

Young People's Work

Our hearts should be stirred with new vigor by the spirit of the young people at the seventh annual summer conference at Asilomar the first week in August. Nearly 200 students and faculty, fairly representing our Northern California Conference, mixed good fellowship with study and recreation and made splendid resolves for the coming days. On the closing day, by unanimous vote of the church delegations, the following resolution was passed:

"Having met some of our Congregational missionaries, and studied the work which our denomination is doing in the world, the United States, and our own state, California, we hereby recommend:

"That our societies be urged to support the three projects suggested by our State Projects Committee: Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Wagner, China; work in Porto Rico; and Miss Mary Coxhead, Fort Bidwell, California.

"And that copies of this resolution be sent to the State Projects Committee and the Women's Federation of Northern California."

—Mrs. Helen E. Price.

Social Relations

War, prohibition, labor, race prejudice,—the "big four"; the problems connected with these are rapidly coming to crises. Women, especially Christian women, want to know the facts. They want to know, when the time comes, how to act. They want to know how to apply the principles of Jesus Christ in these social relations.

In every society of the Federation plans should be made for the study of at least one of these issues this year. A reading circle, a book review, a dramatic presentation, a symposium on different phases of the subject, individual reading of suggested books, a study of a local situation as a starting point for the study of the larger problem, a discussion group; these are some of the methods that may be used.

If Prohibition is your subject, the following literature may be helpful: "What It's All About," by Rose Marion Bell, 25c; a little book about the fight against alcohol. "The Noble Experiment," by Irving Fisher, $2.15; a study of prohibition by a professor at Yale University. "Tiger Tiger!" by Honore W. Morrow, $2.50. "Prohobition: An Adventure in Freedom," by Harry S. Warner. (All these may be obtained at the headquarters of the W. C. T. U., San Francisco.)

"Public Cooperation in Prohibiton Enforcement"; "Value of Law Enforcement." (These last two may be obtained free from the U. S. Bureau of Prohibition, Washington, D. C.)

"The Amazing Success of Prohobition," by Norman W. Pendleton, 10c. (Secure it from 751 Dolores Street, San Francisco.

"The California Liberator," $2.50 a year; a monthly paper.

Similar lists on the other topics, war, labor, and race prejudice, will be furnished by the Social Relations Committee upon application.

—Mrs. Miles B. Fisher, Chairman,
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M. E. M.

Attending the Misionary Education Movement Conference at Asilomar this summer is listed in the first column of rare experiences in my memory—like going to New England, to Japan, then to Europe, and so on. I came home with the determination that every Congregational woman's organization in Northern California should have at least one delegate there next year. I truly believe if that were accomplished, Dr. Gill would have no more pleas to make for back payments on our foreign and home investments.

The women of Northern California are responsible for $50 for the M. E. M. work. Many woman's groups have placed an item of $2, $3 or $5 on their budget, so that each year this amount will be cared for. Don't forget to put it in your budget next year, and pay the money through Mrs. Furze, Federation treasurer. Some have made their pledges and will pay them before the year closes. At the annual board meeting most of the denominations reported "paid."

—Mrs. Gail Cleland.

CHANGE AT FORT BIDWELL

Beginning September 1, Miss Mary Coxhead will devote her full time to work among the Indians. She will make her headquarters at Alturas, and in addition to the work with the Indians at Fort Bidwell, will visit Likely, Canby and Alturas, where there are Indian communities. Clothes and supplies should be addressed to her at Alturas.

Thank Offering

We are hoping for a generous offering this fall. Surely we women have much to be thankful for the past year. Our spring offering was about the same as last year. Next year we plan to have only the fall offering.

Mrs. Van Horn's playlet, "The Thank-offering at Gentryville," has been used very successfully by several organizations, and others are contemplating giving it this autumn.

The offering this year, as in the past, does not apply on the church apportionment, but goes to the Conference office to be divided among state, home and foreign work, as an extra gift to these causes. Of course, if a local society designates the Thank Offering for some other purpose, such as Social Welfare work for women and children in Bombay, and the Hospital for men in Madura, the wishes of the society will be observed.

Let us do all we can to help on the good work.

—Mrs. Helen B. Byrne.

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